

Amendments to the Claims

In the Claims:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein any one of the elements used in making the sanitary napkin article is combined with essential oil prior to manufacturing the sanitary napkin.

7. (previously amended) The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere a plurality of elements making up the sanitary napkin.

8. (previously amended) The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to attach the sanitary napkin to undergarments.

9. (previously amended) The sanitary napkin of Claim 6 wherein the essential oil is contained within adhesives used to adhere the sanitary napkin directly to a user's body.

10. (previously amended) A sanitary napkin contained wrapping material, wherein the wrapping material contains an effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth.

11. (previously amended) The sanitary napkin of Claim 10 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.

Claims 12-19 (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) A sanitary napkin of claim 19 containing an effective amount of essential oil to provide an aroma and inhibit microbial growth wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of rosemary oil, clove oil, ginger oil, tumeric oil, chamomile oil, lemon grass oil, thyme oil, achillea oil, thulasi oil, clary sage oil, cedar (hinoki) oil, and mixtures thereof.

21. (original) The sanitary napkin of Claim 20 wherein the essential oil is rosemary oil.

22. (original) The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein the amount of essential oil is from about 0.1 to about 8.0 weight percent.

23. (original) The sanitary napkin of Claim 19 wherein essential oil is added to the sanitary napkin during its manufacture.